

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CO  
SUBJECT: CABRANES NOMINATION

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 4734

1. I WAS AT A LUNCHEON TODAY ATTENDED BY PROMINENT COLOMBIAN POLITICAL FIGURES INCLUDING ANTONION PUERTO, WHO IS A FRIEND OF MAYOR FERRE OF MIAMI. DURING A LULL IN THE GENERAL CONVERSATION, PUERTO INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR VIRON P. VAKY WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING A "SECRET" TRIP TO BOGOTA TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO ACCEPT CABRANES AS AMBASSADOR. A STUNNED SILENCE ENSUED AND ALL EYES TURNED ON ME. I TOLD THE GROUP THAT I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS AND THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN PRESS RUMORS ABOUT A CABRANES APPOINTMENT THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING DEFINITE YET. FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON, PUERTO, WHO PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING WELL-INFORMED, APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING CAUSED ME ANY EMBARRASSMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS RELIABLE. HE ADDED THAT VAKY WOULD BE BEARING A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER URGING THAT GOC CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT CABRANES. PUERTO INDICATED THAT FERRE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM RECENTLY OVER THE CABRANES APPOINTMENT. KNOWING PUERTO, I AM CERTAIN THAT THE STORY HE TOLD THE LUNCHEON GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN PASSED ON TO OTHERS HERE.

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